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from City Hall. On Monday morning I forced myself out of bed and into my work clothes and off to City Hall I went with a shovel. As I was ascending the stairs with my shovel I ran into Tom Brennan and the clock repair people. They were there to do the job and I couldn't persuade Tom to ask them if they could wait a hour or so until I got the level above the clock cleaned off. No. So the repairs began and I watched and it was very cold and the repair people went about their job with enthusiasm. They insisted on playing a radio with "now" music on and it was somewhat upsetting to me in the "sacred" confines of the clock tower. I went down below and warmed myself and went up and told DJB that the clock repair people were there and that the architect did not show up on Saturday, both pieces of news he already knew. I told him that the "Mayors Articles" dilemma would resolve itself very nicely and that I was not able to discuss the solution with him at that time. He shook my hand and said have a good trip back to New York and I went home and ate lunch. I returned to City Hall about 2:30 and the clock repair people were hard at it and DJB was there and I had some poison for the pigeons and up to the bell-level DJB and I went and put the rat poison/bird seed trays for the pigeons. Also one dish on the fourth level: just above the ceiling of the third floor. JVB was very friendly and reported that he had received the book of "Carbondale City Hall file" information that I sent to him 10 days previously. He said that he loved the book and couldn't put it down. Now, that's the way I like to have presents received. He told me that he had written that very day a letter to me to thank me for the book. I took my leave of the Clock People and JVB came with me and I drove him home and that was that. I went home and ate and was driven to the bus by WSP. I got the 6:50 bus and the trip back was very easy.

In the middle of the week, I telephoned Tom Brennan and asked him if he wanted to be on the Board of Directors of the Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall and he said yes. I asked him his middle initial and his address. I asked him if Joe Burrell and Jim Brownell wanted to be on the board and he said he would ask them and I said that I would phone him at the same time the following day and I did. (My first phone call was to Tom on Wednesday, my second was on Thursday.) When I phoned Tom back he gave me the go-ahead to put Joe and Jim on the Board. Apparently the clock was fixed by Tuesday night and was ringing, i.e., the repairs took place on the 25th and the 26th and the clock was ringing on the 26th. That was what Tom told me when I spoke with him on Wednesday. On Thursday he told me there was a problem with the bell. It was not ringing, and he was going to call the Rogers people and get the matter taken care of. He reported that "we scraped the paint off the windows of the clock" and that it looks very good at night. Apparently it is not as white during the daytime. We shall see. He reported that George Wallis would be putting up a new line to the tower on Friday, January 29. Tom Brennan is very easy to talk to, not only in person but also on the phone. The number at the Fire Company to call is 282-3340. That is a private number and not the "Fire" number. There is something about Tom Brennan's face that reminds me of Grandma Russell. Maybe it's his manner of talking as well, but he reminds me of Grandma Russell.

Martz Trailways has instituted a "pay \$1 more and you can get a round trip ticket" and that is what I did on January 25, so my passage to Carbondale on Thursday, February 4, 1982 will cost me \$1.00.

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WSP picked me up at the Martz station in Scranton and we went directly to home. Dinner was awaiting and HLRP was all set to put it on the table when we walked in. I must say it is wonderful the way that HLRP and WSP have gotten involved in the City Hall project. The timing is good for them: it is wintertime and they have not much to do. A letter from Susan Zacher was waiting for me: CCH has been placed on the Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places and I have been asked to fill out a National Register form. Good news. A copy was also sent to Mayor Mancuso and David had the letter at the meeting when I arrived in Council Chambers. The early part of the meeting on 02-04-82 was raffle business: David was receiving money and stubs and I was more or less chatting with everyone. I announced that Horlacher would inspect the building on Saturday, Feb. 6 at 10 A.M.; I also asked for volunteers for Fri. and Sat. to help clear out the pigeon manure from the tower. Hopkins and Spall were invited to this meeting. Spall showed up and we discussed our plans for Pioneer Days with him. He seemed to be very interested in the educational and historical activities that the Committee is working on. David Baum is one of the Board members of Pioneer Days, so he is involved in both projects. Baum was very sympathetic and I was pleased. Hopkins did not appear, and I was not pleased. On Friday morning I appeared at the NEWS dressed in my best bib and tucker and collected up DJB and HLRP drove us down to the High School where I was handed a check for two hundred and some dollars. The Student Council had shown a movie to benefit the Clock Fund and these were the proceeds. Martin F. Lawler is the principal of the school and he and HLRP know each other and HLRP was pleased to be in the School and to be a spectator to the presentation ceremony and all of the commotion that went on in our visit. After the picture taking session, HLRP drove us back to the center of town and DJB went off to the NEWS and I went into City Hall with HLRP. I should add that on our way down to the High School we stopped at the Post Office and I ran in and mailed the check for \$2,500 that was the remaining payment to the clock repair people, I also mailed a letter for HLRP. While I was in the Post Office, HLRP and DJB chatted. When I returned to the car I was aware of the fact that they had been chatting about me in my absence. In City Hall I changed my clothes and got ready to haul pigeon manure. HLRP visited with RTP and Tony Merrifield and Frank Russin who were there and in full gear with the pulley out the window. Also there was John Revak from Simpson. As we got going, WSP appeared below in the street to check out what was going on; everyone was involved. HLRP took by good clothes home with her and away we went with the pigeon manure. Bob Tomaine arrived and got involved. Five or six excruciating hours later, and 6 tons of pigeon manure had been removed, bag by bag, from the tower of CCH. We had a bucket brigade type arrangement and it all went rather smoothly. I called DJB and told him that a good photograph opportunity was presenting itself to the NEWS and later in the day he came down and took a photograph of the clean up crew in the back of Russell's truck: we looked like a bunch of bums I'm sure. The photograph may appear in the NEWS. Revak and Tomaine left before the end of the day and it was Tony, Franny, RTP and I who were there at the end. At mid-day we broke for lunch and Tomaine and I went to McDonnell's and it is good: a very generous salade arrangement at a good price. HLRP had a capon roasting at home and we enjoyed that when the day's labors were over. I watched "Wall Street Week" with WSP and HLRP and that was fun. Around 9 P.M. Nan Waters called and asked if she could do a feature story on me for the MIRROR and I said yes. I was to call her at mid-day on Saturday and we would chat then. On Saturday A.M. I was in City Hall at 10 A.M. and Tom Horlacher arrived and we did the building: he took pictures of the outside and we then went over the building from basement to clock tower. He was very interested in the clock and we examined it for some time. After the examination we went to McDonnell's and there sat Bob Tomaine and we spent two hours discussing the building and the restoration effort and the fund raising plans. It was very informative and